

## 306 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

306 Fighter-Bomber Squadron constituted, 30 Aug 1957

Activated, 25 Sep 1957

Redesignated 306 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958

Inactivated, 28 Sep 1970

Activated, 30 Oct 1970

Inactivated, 15 Jul 1971

Activated, 1 Jul 1978

Redesignated 306 Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, 30 Mar 1981

Inactivated, 1 Sep 1983

Redesignated 306 Tactical Fighter Squadron and activated, 1 Oct 1985

Inactivated, 31 Oct 1986

### STATIONS

Turner AFB, GA, 25 Sep 1957

George AFB, CA, 1 Mar 1959-31 May 1962

Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Jun 1962 - 6 Dec 1966

Tuy Hoa Air Base, South Vietnam, 25 Dec 1966

England AFNB, LA, 28 Sep 1970

Homestead AFB, FL, 30 Oct 1970-15 Jul 1971

Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1978-1 Sep 1983

Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1985-31 Oct 1986

### DEPLOYED STATIONS

Aviano AB, Italy, 1960 - 1962

Kadena AB, Okinawa, 1963  
Cigli Air Base, Turkey, 1964  
Bien Hoa AB, RVN 1965 - 1966

#### **DEPLOYED STATIONS**

Aviano AB, Italy, 9 Apr 1960-10 Jul 1960

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

31 Fighter-Bomber Wing, 25 Sep 1957  
31 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1958-28 Sep 1970; 30 Oct 1970-15 Jul 1971; 1 Jul 1978  
31 Tactical Training Wing, 30 Mar 1981-1 Sep 1983  
31 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1985-31 Oct 1986

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

7227 Combat Support Group, 8 Apr – 16 Jul 1960; 15 Feb – 1 Mar 1961; 20 Aug – 1 Sep 1961;  
24 Apr – 19 Jul 1962  
18 Tactical Fighter Wing, 27 Jun – 30 Sep 1963  
7231 Combat Support Group, 1 May – 8 Aug 1964  
4505 Fighter Wing, 7 Jul 1965 – 27 Jan 1966

#### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

F-100, 1957  
F-4, 1980  
F-16, 1985

#### **COMMANDERS**

Col Charles E. Yeager, #1959  
LTC Ben Smith

#### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**



**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

The Gunners

**OPERATIONS**

The fighting falcon was introduced to the strategically important southern border region on 1 October in a ceremony marking the arrival of the F-16 at Homestead Air Force Base in the activation of the bases 306 TFTS which will fly them. The ceremony also marked the redesignation of Homesteads 31st TTW as a TFW wing with the 306 being its first F-16 unit. The ceremony began as a LTC Ben Smith commander

of the 306 and the three other squadron pilots flew 4 F-16s of the base and landed in the flightline ceremony site.

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